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SUBJ: GOC BAN ON ENTRY AND EXIT VIA TURKISH CONTROLLED PORTS

1. AS ANTICIPATED, GOC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON OCTOBER 4 REMOVED FAMAGUSTA, KYRENIA, AND KARAVOSTASSI (XEROS) FROM LIST APPROVED PORTS OF ENTRY AND EXIT. INDIVIDUALS ENTERING CYPRUS VIA THESE PORTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM UP TO SIX MONTHS, TO FINE NOT EXCEEDING CYPRUS L100,FDLSBOTH. DECREE ALSO PROVIDES FOR DEPORTATION.

2. GOC CLEARLY DETERMINED ENFORCE DECREE. SAME DAY IT PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE, WASHINGTON STAR REPORTER ANDREW BOROWIEC, WHO RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE IN CYPRUS VIA KYRENIA, WAS DETAINED AT LEDRA PALACE CHECKPOINT FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE BEING REFUSED ENTRY INTO GREEK CYPRIOT CONTROLLED AREA.

3. WE HAVE POINTED OUT TO GOC OFFICIALS THAT ABOVE ACTION PLAYS DIRECTLY INTO TURK HANDS BY EFFECTIVELY PARTITIONING ISLAND FOR FOREIGNERS ENTERING VIA TURKISH CONTROLLED PORTS. OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THIS BUT REMAIN ADAMANT ON POLITICAL POINT THAT DESIGNATION OF ENTRY PORTS AND IMMIGRATION CONTROL ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTRIBUTES OF SOVEREIGNTY WHICH THEY CANNOT ALLOW TURKS

EXERCISE.

4. IN BOROWIEC CASE, AND FOR OTHER AMCITS WHO ENTERED ISLAND PRIOR TO OCTOBER 4, WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR GOC TO PLACE VALID ENTRY STAMP IN "CLEAN" PASSPORT ISSUED HERE. ANYONE ENTERING ISLAND VIA FAMAGUSTA OR KYRENIA SUBSEQUENT TO THIS DATE, HOWEVER, WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES OUTLINED PARA 1. AS SIDE ISSUE, AMCIT WHO IMPORTED VEHICLE VIA MERSIN FERRY WAS FINED CYPRUS L100 FOR CIRCUMVENTING CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

5. REQUEST ABOVE DANGERS BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION POTENTIAL AMERICAN TRAVELLERS IN THIS AREA. TRAVELLERS WHOSE PASS-PORTS CONTAIN EXIT STAMP FROM TURKISH CONTROLLED PORTS MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES IF THEY REENTER CYPRUS THROUGH GREEK CYPRIOT PORT OF ENTRY AT LATER DATE.
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